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3.3 Long division

ex: We have 47 wooden blocks. How many stacks of 3 can we make?

$$\begin{aligned}
 47 &= 3 + 44 = 3 + 3 + 41 = 3 + 3 + 3 + 38 \\
 &= 3 \cdot 10 + 17 \\
 &= 3 \cdot 10 + 3 \cdot 5 + 2 = 3 \cdot 15 + 2
 \end{aligned}$$

conclusion: $47 = 3 \cdot 15 + 2$

$\uparrow$ $\uparrow$ $\uparrow$ $\nwarrow$
 dividend divisor quotient remainder

or: $\frac{47}{3} = 15 + \frac{2}{3}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 15 \text{ r. } 2 \\
 3 \overline{) 47} \\
 \underline{30} \\
 17 \\
 \underline{15} \\
 2
 \end{array}$$

Analogous: $(3x^3 + x^2 + 4x + 2) \div (x-2)$ (2)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{divisor} \rightarrow x-2 \overline{) 3x^3 + x^2 + 4x + 2} \leftarrow \text{dividend} \\
 \underline{3x^3 - 6x^2} \\
 7x^2 + 4x + 2 \\
 \underline{7x^2 - 14x} \\
 18x + 2 \\
 \underline{18x - 36} \\
 38 \leftarrow \text{remainder}
 \end{array}$$

$3x^2 + 7x + 18 \leftarrow \text{quotient}$

NOTE: $1 - (-6) = 7$
 $4 - (-14) = 18$
 $2 - (-36) = 38$

Conclusion:

dividend $\rightarrow P(x) = 3x^3 + x^2 + 4x + 2 = (x-2)(3x^2 + 7x + 18) + 38$

$\uparrow$ divisor $\uparrow$ quotient $\uparrow$ remainder

OR:

$$\frac{3x^3 + x^2 + 4x + 2}{x-2} = 3x^2 + 7x + 18 + \frac{38}{x-2}$$

NOTE: $P(2) = (2-2)^0 \cdot (3 \cdot 2^2 + 7 \cdot 2 + 18) + 38 = 38$

Remainder Theorem: If the polynomial $P(x)$ is divided by $x-c$ then the remainder is $P(c)$.

Factor Theorem: c is a zero of $P(x)$ if and only if $(x-c)$ is a factor of $P(x)$.

Reason: Special case of the remainder theorem when the remainder is 0.

Horner's algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ex.: } P(x) &= (3x^3 + x^2 + 4x) + 2 \\
 &= (3x^2 + x + 4)x + 2 \\
 &= [(3x^2 + x) + 4]x + 2 \\
 &= [(3x + 1)x + 4]x + 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Evaluate $P(2)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(2) &= [(3 \cdot 2 + 1) \cdot 2 + 4] \cdot 2 + 2 \\
 &= [7 \cdot 2 + 4] \cdot 2 + 2 \\
 &= 18 \cdot 2 + 2 \\
 &= 38
 \end{aligned}$$

Synthetic division by $x - c$ ex: Divide by $x - 2$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\
 & & 6 & 14 & 36 \\
 \hline
 & 3 & 7 & 18 & 38
 \end{array} = P(2)$$

$$P(x) = (x - 2)(3x^2 + 7x + 18) + 38$$

Remark: (1) we add in synthetic division, in contrast with long division, where we subtract.

(2) In both long and synthetic division, if there is a missing term, we write 0 as a placeholder to make the algorithm work.

3.3 46) Use $\begin{cases} \text{Synthetic division} \\ \text{Horner's algorithm} \end{cases}$ to evaluate $P(-2)$
 where $P(x) = 6x^5 + 10x^3 + x + 1$

divide by $x+2$
 $\rightarrow$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} -2 & 6 & 0 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ & & -12 & 24 & -68 & 136 & -274 \\ \hline & 6 & -12 & 34 & -68 & 137 & -273 \end{array} \quad -273 = P(-2)$$

By-product: $\frac{P(x)}{x+2} = 6x^4 - 12x^3 + 34x^2 - 68x + 137 - \frac{273}{x+2}$

58) $P(x) = 3x^4 - x^3 - 21x^2 - 11x + 6$

Confirm that $\frac{1}{3}$ and -2 are zeros, then find the other two zeros.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -2 & 3 & -1 & -21 & -11 & 6 \\ & & -6 & 14 & 14 & -6 \\ \hline & 3 & -7 & -7 & 3 & 0 = P(-2) \\ \\ \hline & & 1 & -2 & -3 & \\ & 3 & -6 & -9 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= (x+2)(3x^3 - 7x^2 - 7x + 3) \\ &= (x+2)\left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right)(3x^2 - 6x - 9) = (x+2)\left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot 3(x^2 - 2x - 3) \\ &= (x+2)(3x-1)(x^2 - 2x - 3) = (x+2)(3x-1)(x-3)(x+1) \end{aligned}$$

zeros: $\boxed{-2} \quad \boxed{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \boxed{3} \quad \boxed{-1}$

3.4 Rational zeros theorem

If $P(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ has integer coefficients then any rational zero has the form $\frac{p}{q}$ where p divides evenly into a_0 and q divides evenly into a_n .

ex: Consider a polynomial with zeros $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{2}{5}$. like

$$P(x) = 3 \cdot \left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot 5 \left(x - \frac{2}{5}\right) = (3x - 1)(5x - 2)$$

Zeros:

 $\downarrow$
 $\frac{1}{3}$

 $\downarrow$
 $\frac{2}{5}$

multiplied out:

$$P(x) = 15x^2 - 11x + 2$$

3 and 5 divide evenly into 15

1 and 2 divide evenly into 2.

How we will use this: Given $P(x) = 15x^2 - 11x + 2$ ask what are the possible rational zeros?

Possible values of p : $\pm 1, \pm 2$

" of q : $\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 15$

" of $\frac{p}{q}$: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}, \pm \frac{1}{5}, \pm \frac{2}{5}, \pm \frac{1}{15}, \pm \frac{2}{15}$

Idea: If there are any rational zeros, they appear in this list of sixteen ^{possible} numbers.

Find the rational zeros of, then factor,

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$$P(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 - 19x^2 + 9x + 9$$

Possible
rational zeros: $p: \pm 1, 3, 9$

$$q: \pm 1, 2$$

$$\frac{p}{q}: \pm 1, \frac{1}{2}, 3, \frac{3}{2}, 9, \frac{9}{2} \quad \leftarrow \text{Twelve}$$

Is -1 a zero?

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} -1 & 2 & -1 & -19 & 9 & 9 \\ & & -2 & 3 & 16 & -25 \\ \hline & 2 & -3 & -16 & 25 & -16 \end{array} = P(-1) \quad \text{Nope.}$$

$(x+1)$ is not a factor.

Is 3 a zero?

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} 3 & 2 & -1 & -19 & 9 & 9 \\ & & 6 & 15 & -12 & -9 \\ \hline & 2 & 5 & -4 & -3 & 0 \end{array} = P(3) \quad \text{Yup.}$$

$(x-3)$ is a factor

Is 1 a zero of
the remaining
factor?

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 2 & 5 & -4 & -3 \\ & & 2 & 7 & 3 \\ \hline & 2 & 7 & 3 & 0 \end{array}$$

Is -3 a zero of
this latest factor?

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -3 & 2 & 7 & 3 & 0 \\ & & -6 & -3 & \\ \hline & 2 & 1 & 0 & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= (x-3)(2x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x - 3) \\ &= (x-3)(x-1)(2x^2 + 7x + 3) \\ &= (x-3)(x-1)(x+3)(2x+1) \end{aligned}$$

Zeros:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \updownarrow & \updownarrow & \updownarrow & \updownarrow \\ 3 & 1 & -3 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

3.4 67) $P(x) = 2x^6 + 5x^4 - x^3 - 5x - 1$

one variation, so 1 positive (real) zero.

$$P(-x) = 2(-x)^6 + 5(-x)^4 - (-x)^3 - 5(-x) - 1$$

$$= 2x^6 + 5x^4 + x^3 + 5x - 1$$

one variation, so there is 1 negative zero.

Zeros? one positive, one negative, then four complex zeros.
two real four complex

Six zeros

80) Find the zeros of $P(x) = 2x^4 + 15x^3 + 31x^2 + 20x + 4$

Descartes' Rule of signs: no variations, so no positive zeros.

$$P(-x) = 2x^4 - 15x^3 + 31x^2 - 20x + 4$$

4 variations; 4 or 2 or no negative zeros.

Rational zeros? $p: \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4$
 $q: \pm 1, \pm 2$ } $\frac{p}{q}: \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{2}{2}, \pm \frac{4}{2}$

only consider: $-1, -2, -4, -\frac{1}{2}$.

By use of a TI-83,
 these appear to be
 x-intercepts of
 $y = P(x)$.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -2 & 2 & 15 & 31 & 20 & 4 \\ & & -4 & -22 & -18 & -4 \\ \hline -1/2 & 2 & 11 & 9 & 2 & 0 \\ & & -1 & -5 & -2 & \\ \hline & 2 & 10 & 4 & 0 & \end{array}$$

To find the last two zeros, use the quadratic formula to solve $x^2 + 5x + 2 = 0$
 get $x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{5^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 2}}{2(1)} = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{17}}{2}$

(Added after class ended.)

$$P(x) = (x+2)(x+\frac{1}{2})(2x^2+10x+4) = (x+2)(2x+1)(x^2+5x+2)$$

$$= (x+2)(2x+1)(x+\frac{5-\sqrt{17}}{2})(x+\frac{5+\sqrt{17}}{2})$$

zeros: $-2, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-5+\sqrt{17}}{2}, \frac{-5-\sqrt{17}}{2}$